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Commander, Navy Region Northwest
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VIA E-MAIL: foia.cnrnw@navy.mil

RE: FOIA REQUEST, Navy Waterfront Functional Plan, 2009 Update

Commander

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting the record, "Navy Waterfront Functional Plan, 2009 Update" and similar records and updates for the waterfront for Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor.

If this information is already in the public domain, please let me know how to find it.

As you know, the Freedom of Information Act permits you to reduce or waive fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe this request fits this category. I therefore ask that you waive any fees.

I am providing information for a waiver of fees:

- The above listed requested records concern identifiable "operations or activities of the government."
- The above listed requested records are "likely to contribute" to an understanding of specific governmental operations or activities. All of the documents are disclosable. This type of information has been released before and is expressly for the public and to allow representatives the ability to make proper choices involving governmental activities.
- Disclosure of information would contribute to the understanding by the public at large. Many citizens in the Pacific Northwest are interested in activities involving the U.S. Navy at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. Almost any information would contribute to the public understanding of this facility due to the fact that so little is publicly known.

- I have demonstrated in the past an ability to understand information released to me regarding U.S. Navy activities in the Pacific Northwest. I have also demonstrated an ability to disseminate the information to the public. I have had numerous articles I have written published in *The Seattle Times*, *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, the *Washington Free Press*, *Real Change* in Seattle, and in the *Ground Zero* quarterly newsletter. Articles I have written are often also published on the internet. All of the articles written for the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action are available on the internet at www.gzcenter.org. Please see articles and announcements I have written on the main website, at www.gzcenter.org, and under "Newsletters" on the website.
- The released information would "significantly" add to the public understanding of governmental activities involving the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Northwest.
- There is no commercial interest regarding records involved in this Freedom of Information Act request.

Please let me know if you would like to receive examples of articles I have written concerning U.S. Navy operations in the Pacific Northwest and other military issues. I can e-mail examples of articles or fax them to your office.

In addition, I work with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Poulsbo, Washington. This is a not-for-profit organization that works to educate the public about U.S. Navy activities in the Pacific Northwest. This organization is very active in outreach to the public and has a quarterly newsletter which usually contains articles I have written regarding U.S. Navy activities using information released to me through the Freedom of Information Act.

For the above listed reasons, I should be given a waiver of fees. I understand that this request may likely place a burden on the U.S. Navy in fulfilling this request. I am willing to narrow the request if there is a problem with searching for responsive records or with the quantity of records. It works best for me to discuss this by e-mail but I can discuss this by telephone on most afternoons after 1 pm. Please call me at (206) 365-7865.

Please let me know immediately if you need more information for a waiver of fees.

If documents are denied in part or in whole, please specify which exemptions are claimed for each passage or whole document denied. Please provide a complete itemized inventory and detailed factual justification of total or partial denial of documents.

If portions of documents are withheld, I am requesting that you release all releasable segregable portions as provided under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please send all unclassified documents immediately and all classified documents at a later time to avoid delays by the review process of classified material.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible and I look forward to hearing from you within 20 days as the law stipulates.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Glen Milner